

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1929

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

Boston, Mass., November 30, 1929.

To William F. Craig, *Director of Registration.*

Sir:

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy respectfully submits its annual report for the year ending November 30, 1929, the same being its forty-fourth report.

From the first day of December, 1928, to the thirtieth of November, 1929, applicants were examined and were registered or rejected as shown in the following table:

### EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS

Date	Number examined	Number registered
December 11, 1928 .....	60	20
January 22, 1929 .....	59	28
March 5, 1929 .....	58	22
April 23, 1929 .....	58	19
May 27, 1929 .....	55	22
June 18, 1929 .....	55	14
June 19, 1929 .....	58	16
October 22, 1929 .....	52	18
October 29, 1929 .....	61	26
	516	185

### EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANTS

Date	Number examined	Number registered
December 4, 1928 .....	43	14
May 28, 1929 .....	59	29
June 25, 1929 .....	44	18
	146	61

The following table shows the number of successful applicants who were students or graduates of recognized colleges of pharmacy:

	Registered Pharmacists	Registered Assistants
Total number of persons registered .....	185	61
Number of graduates passing .....	95	7
Number of undergraduates passing .....	30	29
Percentage of college trained persons passing....	67.5%	59%

The following table shows the registration of pharmacists through interstate reciprocity:

State	Number Registered	State	Number Registered
California .....	1	Missouri .....	1
Colorado .....	1	Rhode Island .....	4
Connecticut .....	1	Vermont .....	2
Maine .....	8	Virginia .....	1
Minnesota .....	1		

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following table shows the amount of fees paid into the Treasury of the Commonwealth:

Amount received for Permits @ \$5.....	\$12,375.00
Amount received for Liquor Certificates @ \$5 .....	4,970.00
Amount received for Examinations (1st exam.) @ \$5 .....	1,411.00
Amount received for Examinations (re-exam.) @ \$3 .....	1,003.00
Amount received for Registration by Reciprocity @ \$10.....	180.00
Amount received for Duplicate Certificates at \$5 .....	40.00
Amount received for Certified Statements @ \$1 .....	41.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$20,020.00</b>

The above table shows the net amount with the fees which were refunded for refused permits and liquor certificates deducted.

## EXPENDITURES

The following amounts were expended from appropriations for salaries and expenses of the members and agent:

	Appropriation	Amount Expended
Salaries of the Board .....	\$4,300.00	\$4,279.30
Salary of the Agent .....	2,280.00	2,280.00
Travel of the Board and Agent .....	5,100.00	5,042.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$11,680.00</b>	<b>\$11,602.03</b>

(Office expenses and salaries of clerks amounting approximately to \$6,000.00 are paid from the budget of the Director of Registration.)

## SUMMARY

### *Meetings*

Number of meetings held for examinations.....	12
Number of meetings held for hearings and other business.....	24
<b>Total number of meetings.....</b>	<b>36</b>

### *Hearings*

On violations of State laws following court convictions.....	23
On violations following Federal court convictions.....	5
On violations based upon Federal permit revocations.....	9
On complaints based upon investigations of the Agent.....	2
On applications for permits, liquor certificates and reciprocity.....	43
<b>Total number of hearings .....</b>	<b>82</b>

### *Findings*

Drug store permits suspended or revoked.....	14
Personal registration certificates suspended.....	10
Third class license certificates revoked.....	4
Placed on probation .....	16
Placed on file .....	4
Cases dismissed .....	6
Permits refused (not granted upon any later re-application).....	6
Liquor certificates refused (not granted upon any later re-application)	22

After a hearing the Board may suspend both the personal and store registration, or may suspend with probation following.

The condition of the drug business through the year has been normal with an increase in the number of stores, few having been closed. The present number is 1973.

Up-to-date methods of merchandising have prevailed with much attention to the commercial side of pharmacy. At the same time a high standard has been maintained in the professional side of the calling by the requirement of the Board that stores be completely stocked with drugs and properly covered by registered pharmacists before a permit is issued for opening.

The Agent of the Board has made over a hundred investigations throughout the State of "patent medicine stores" to ascertain if drug signs were displayed and prohibited drugs sold. Included in this number were drug stores under suspension. Where violations were found and called to the attention of the proprietor, the condition was usually remedied at once. In eight cases, however, the violators were persistent and the matter had to be taken into the courts and prosecuted.

Legislation is desired requiring that candidates for registration be graduates of colleges of pharmacy. The majority of candidates already realize the importance of proper training as shown by the fact that 67% of those becoming registered this year were either students or graduates, but it is in the interests of public health that all should be professionally trained. It is also desirable that Massachusetts should retain recognition with reciprocal states, thirty-four of which have pre-requisite legislation. At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association it was resolved that the Association go on record as approving such legislation.

Frederick W. Archer, member of this Board, passed away October 17, 1929. He was first appointed December 1, 1918, for the regular five year term, serving as president from 1920 to 1923 inclusive. His re-appointment began December 1, 1924. He was a most able executive and his death was a distinct loss to the profession.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. ACHESON, *President.*

CHARLES W. KING, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM HARDIE.

LEON C. ELLIS.

JOHN R. SAWYER.